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Dear President Napolitano and Chancellor Christ:

As you are aware, University of California-Berkeley (UC-Berkeley) disclosed that it reported incorrect alumni giving data for several years to U.S. News & World Report. UC-Berkeley disclosed to U.S. News that, for many years, it had included alumni who made pledges and those alumni that made tax deductible charity gifts in the number of alumni donors reported to U.S. News instead of just the number of alumni donors who gave "cash" gifts that qualified for a charitable giving tax deduction for federal purposes. In order for U.S. News to permit UC-Berkeley to participate in our forthcoming Best Colleges survey, U.S. News will require certification for the next three years that the data reported to U.S. News for UC-Berkeley has been reported accurately on our three Best Colleges surveys: Main, Financial Aid and Finance surveys.

Therefore, U.S. News asks that for each of the next three years UC-Berkeley provide U.S. News with a letter certifying the accuracy of the submissions referenced at the end of this letter. Each letter should bear the signature of the Chancellor and President, verifying the accuracy of all information submitted to U.S. News. For the 2020 Best Colleges rankings to be published in September 2019, U.S. News asks that the letter be submitted by August 5, 2019.

Very truly yours,
Brian Kelly Editor and Chief Content Officer, U.S. News & World Report

Robert Morse Chief Data Strategist, U.S. News & World Report

Undergraduate Program Rankings –

2020 Best Colleges:

Best Colleges 2018-2019 academic year data collected spring 2019 (for the upcoming 2020 Best Colleges rankings to be published in September 2019). This is for the Main, Financial Aid and Finance Surveys.



2021 Best Colleges:

Best Colleges 2019-2020 academic year data collected spring 2020 (for the forthcoming 2021 Best Colleges rankings to be published in September 2020). This is for the Main, Financial Aid and Finance Surveys.

2022 Best Colleges:

Best Colleges 2020-2021 academic year data collected spring 2021 (for the forthcoming 2022 Best Colleges rankings to be published in September 2021). This is for the Main, Financial Aid and Finance Surveys.